

pray for a strike-out or root for a hit.
Season is opened—hoo-ray! They
are off again!

GO IT, YOU RUMMY! He's safe by
a mile.

Watch him there. WATCH HIM!
He's hiking for second.

SLIDE FOR IT! SLIDE FOR IT!
Made it in style!

OUT? He was safe by a decade, I
reckoned!

Wow, what a bingle, two-bagger, I
think!

He's got it! He hasn't—some fielder,
that gink.

Oh, you old pennant, we've you in
call.

(Still, it's a drill to the finish next
fall.)

Come on, you fellers, PLAY BALL!

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO GET CITY-OWNED RAILWAYS?

By Gilson Gardner

Washington, April 15.—Unofficially, but no less certainly, it has now become known that President Wilson will sign the Crosser municipal ownership of street railways bill for the District of Columbia, if it passes the two houses. And there is good prospect that it will pass both houses if it can be reported from the committee on the District of Columbia.

The passage of this bill would be the best possible demonstration of the principle of public ownership of public utilities. The capital city would serve as a beacon light in this respect for the rest of the country. Mr. Crosser has no doubt that if the bill comes to a roll call in the House it will pass.

Senator Norris is known to favor the Crosser bill, and it is understood that he has practically assured Representative Crosser that it will go through the Senate too if the House passes it. This is a matter in which every progressive citizen in the United States is interested. A demonstration of the efficiency of public ownership in Washington would make the fight much easier in cities

throughout the country. For this reason, special interests desiring to defeat the bill have become particularly active.

It can be stated with certainty that six members of the House District Committee will vote in favor of reporting out the bill. They are Ben Johnson of Kentucky, Henry George, Jr., of New York, Claude L'Engle of Florida, Joseph B. Thompson of Oklahoma, H. Waters Anderson of Pennsylvania, and Robert Crosser of Ohio.

The men who hold the fate of the bill in their hands and who have not committed themselves on it are Wyatt Aiken of South Carolina, William L. Igou of Missouri, Thaddeus H. Caraway of Arkansas, George E. Gorman of Illinois, Denis O'Leary of New York, Eugene E. Reed of New Hampshire, Archibald C. Hart of New Jersey, H. C. Claypool of Ohio, C. P. Coady of Maryland, Wm. J. Cary of Wisconsin, Solomon F. Prouty of Iowa, Samuel Wallin of New York, Samuel E. Winslow of Massachusetts, Abraham L. Keister of Pennsylvania and Carl E. Mapes of Michigan. A few discreet lines from the home folks intimating to these gentlemen that the writers are interested in the votes on this bill would help push it out of committee and onto the floor.

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